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IBIS
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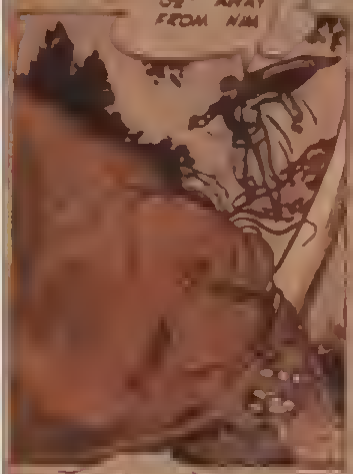
BOOK OF EVIL
IBIS! I'VE LOOKED FOR YOU ALL DAY. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
PURSUING MY FAVORITE OCCUPATION
WHO CAN BE SURE HE DIDN'T!

I WAS BROWSING THROUGH A STREET OF CURIO SHOPS IN ONE OF THEM I FOUND THIS STRANGE LITTLE VOLUME....
WHAT IS IT?
A BOOK OF ANIMAL ...STRATIONS! SUCH ANIMALS AS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN! DRAWN WITH A STARTLING REALISM....
UGH! THEY'RE ALMOST LIFELIKE!
IT'S A VERY OLD BOOK, TALA! IT DATES BACK TO THE TIME WHEN SORCERERS AND ALCHEMISTS PRACTICED THEIR LOST ART, IN A NOW FORGOTTEN CIVILIZATION, A TIME WHEN BEASTS SUCH AS THESE ACTUALLY WALKED THE EARTH!
DID YOU NOTICE THE BINDING? IT'S HUMAN SKIN.
HORRIBLE! YOU CAN YOU TOUCH IT?
THE POOR FELLOW HAS BEEN DEAD TOO LONG TO WORRY ABOUT HIM.....SAY! IT'S BEAST LOOKS EVEN MORE ALIVE THAN THE OTHERS!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT WE'RE DUE AT VISCOUNT LEIGHTON'S TONIGHT?
STRANGE HOW HE SEEMS TO GLARE WITH LIFE FROM THE PAGE. THE ARTIST MADE HIM APPEAR STARVED, AS THOUGH TO EXPLAIN HIS FEROCITY.....
LOOK, TALA! THE BEAST IS A BRUTE!
I SHOULDN'T WONDER WHEN YOU BRING HOME A HORRID OLD BOOK LIKE THAT!

IT LOOKS EVIL ENOUGH TO MAKE A HUNDRED BISTICOS DO A GYPSY DANCE! COME ALONG WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE PARTY!
BUT I SHOULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT THE BISTICK!
LATER, AT THE VISCOUNT LEIGHTON'S PARTY...
B-S, YOU HAVEN'T PAID ANY ATTENTION TO WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING
SORRY TAM I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE BISTICK! IT NEVER VEGETATES UNLESS TO GIVE WARNING AGAINST A GENUINE EVIL!
SUDDENLY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
OHHH!
SHE'S HAD A SHOCK! CLAIMS SHE SAW SOME KIND OF HOOKED BEAST STARING AT THE WINDOW. POOR TOMMYROT. NEVER MARRY A NERVOUS WOMAN MY BOY.
SHE NEEDS TO REST
I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE GROUNDS! PROBABLY SHE SAW ONE OF THE HOUNDS THAT BROKE LOOSE FROM ITS LEASH...
NO! WAIT!
HE'S GONE. I BETTER BRING HIM BACK. THERE MAY BE MORE DANGER THAN HE SUSPECTS!
BE CAREFUL MY PRINCE!
HEEE. WHAT'S THIS? I WONDER
AHRR!

HELP!
AHHHHHH!

GREAT ZOTH! THE BEAST OF THE BOOK


OFF AWAY FROM HIM

THIS KIND OF BULLDOGGING WORKS WITH STEERS

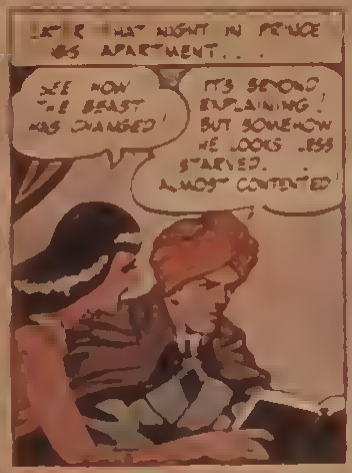
OOOOF!

UGH!

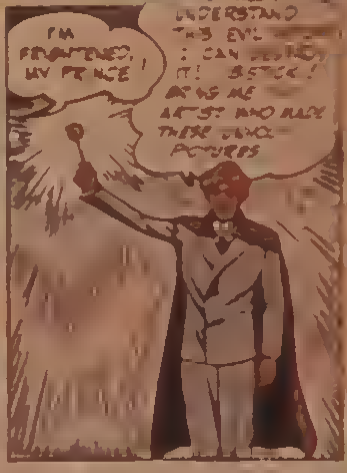
MOMENTS LATER

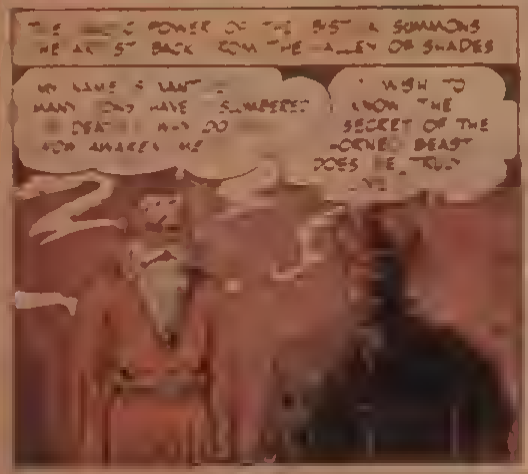
MURDERED--- BY BEAST THAT EXISTS ONLY IN THE PAGES OF A BOOK IT'S INCREDIBLE!

THE DOGS--- KILLED AND DEVOURED! THESE CLOVEN HOOFMARKS POINT UNMISTAKABLY TO THE CULPRIT
YOU MUST DESTROY THE BOOK. BIS THE BISTOL WAS RIGHT


LATER THAT NIGHT IN PRINCE BIS APARTMENT. . .
SEE HOW THE BEAST HAS CHANGED!
IT'S BEYOND EXPLAINING! BUT SOMEHOW HE LOOKS LESS STARVED. ALMOST CONTENTED!

LOOK! THERE IS A DROP OF BLOOD ON THE HORN. THE USED BLOOD OF THE VISCOUNT


I'M FRIGHTENED, MY PRINCE!
I MUST UNDERSTAND THIS EVIL [illegible] I CAN [illegible] IT! BISTOL! BRING ME ARTIST WHO MADE THESE DEVIL-PICTURES


THE [illegible] POWER OF THE BEAST A SUMMONS HE ARTIST BACK FROM THE REALM OF SHADES
MY NAME IS [illegible] MANY DAYS HAVE SLUMBERED [illegible] DEATH HAS DO FOR AWAKES ME
I WISH TO KNOW THE SECRET OF THE HORNED BEAST DOES HE TRULY LIVE

AYE - AND 'TWAS MY BRUSH THAT GAVE HIM HIS CURSED LIFE ONE DAY OUR TRIBE CAPTURED THE BEAST OUR CHIEF ORDERED HIM TO BE DESTROYED BUT I PLEADED FOR THE CHANCE TO PAINT HIS SKENESS.

THIS WAS TO BE MY MASTERPIECE. THE FINAL PICTURE TO COMPLETE MY VOLUME FROM THE TRIBAL WIZARD I STOLE A PORTION OF THE MAGIC FLUID THAT GIVES LIFE.
I ADDED IT TO THE PIGMENT THAT I USED TO PAINT THE BEAST. FOR I WANTED THIS PICTURE TO GLOW WITH THE BREATH OF LIFE.
ON THE DAY THE PAINTING WAS FINISHED I SLEW THE BEAST OR SO I THOUGHT
LITTLE DID I KNOW IN WHAT HORRIBLE GUISE HE WOULD RETURN...
FOR THE BEAST DID RETURN... TO KILL THE CHIEF AND THE TRIBAL WIZARD I SLOWLY TORE THEIR DAMNED ON ME THE BEAST WAS ALIVE AS DE THE BOOK!
WHY DON'T YOU DESTROY HIM?
BECAUSE I WAS SLAIN BY THE ANGRY TRIBESMEN THEY BLAMED ME FOR DEMANDING THAT THE BEAST BE SPARED SO I COULD PAINT HIM THEY DID NOT BELIEVE I HAD KILLED HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS
AYE... AND THEIR RAGE WAS THEIR ENDURANCE FOR IT IS MY SKIN THEY USED AS A BINDING FOR THE BOOK OF EVIL
YOU HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH BRISTOCK SEND HIM BACK TO HIS RESTING PLACE

NOW THAT WE KNOW THE EVIL IS IN THE BOOK, THE ISBTICK WILL DESTROY IT!
NO, ISIS
YOU'RE TOO LATE
THE BEAST HEARD US! HE'S COMING OUT!
LARGER AND LARGER GROWS THE GHOSTLY EMANATION UNTIL THE BEAST OF THE BOOK IS FULL SIZED....
AND THEN...
HE'S ALIVE! STAND BACK, TINA! ISBTICK, I COMMAND
AHHHHRR!
BUT BEFORE ISIS CAN FINISH HER COMMAND....
OHHHH!
HE'S TRYING TO BOSS ME! IF I COULD REACH THE ISBTICK.
ONLY ONE WAY TO DO IT!

DESTROY THIS CREATURE OF IT
GREAT HEAVENS! THE BASTICK DON'T OBEY MY COMMAND!
TO MY FAULT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! THE USE OF THE BEAST IS IN THE BOOK!
AHRRRRR!
AND THERE CAN'T BE DESTROYED
BASTICK! RETURN THE BEAST WHENCE IT CAME!
HE'S GONE!

HERE'S THE CREATURE WE SEEK... E MUST NOT ESCAPE AGAIN
: MUST GO AFTER HIM. TAKE INTO THE BOOK
OH NO, MY PRINCE! IT WILL BE DANGEROUS NOW WILL YOU COME BACK TO ME!
THE BASTOCK WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT. WHEN MY JOB IS DONE, YOU WILL USE ITS POWER TO ENSURE MY RETURN.
MY BEST BIS
BASTOCK TAKE HIM INTO THE BOOK EVIL
PRINCE BIS VANISHED THE BASTOCK FELL FROM HIS HAND....
NERVELESS HANDS OPEN THE WICKED VOLUME AND THERE TARA FINDS.....
IBIS
HE'S BATTLING THE BEAST ! CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH

NEVER WAS THERE A STRANGER STRUGGLE FOR LIFE THAN THIS.

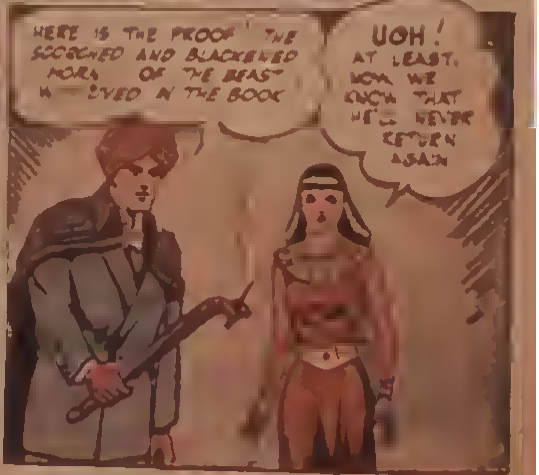
TAIA, THE IBSTICK!
MY PRINCE YOU'VE KILLED THE BEAST!

WITH THE IBSTICK!

IBSTICK! I COMMAND YOU TO RESTORE PRINCE IBIS TO HIS HUMAN FORM!

LATER, AFTER THE MAGIC IBSTICK HAS DONE ITS WORK.
NOW THE BOOK CAN BE DESTROYED! IT IS A THING OF EVIL!
I WANT TO SEE IT BURN UNTIL NOTHING REMAINS!

IBIS THE BEAST IS DEAD. ALREADY I THINK THAT THE BEAST AND THE BOOK WAS BUT A TERRIBLE DREAM
IT WAS NO DREAM, TAIA LOOK HERE AMONG THE ASHES


HERE IS THE PROOF THE SCORCHED AND BLACKENED HORN OF THE BEAST WHICH LIVED IN THE BOOK
UOH! AT LEAST, NOW WE KNOW THAT HE'LL NEVER RETURN AGAIN

# IBIS
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## BEASTS of DARKNESS

PRINCE IBIS, MASTER OF THE SECRETS OF ANCIENT EGYPT, AND HIS BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS DJA FIGHT A NEVER CEASING WAR AGAINST THE AWFUL POWERS OF BLACK MAGIC! PRINCE IBIS' MAGIC WAND, THE IBISTICK, AIDS HIM IN HIS BATTLE WITH EVIL

BUT EVEN THE MIGHTY IBISTICK WAS NO MATCH FOR THE HORRIBLE THINGS THAT SWARMED FROM THE OUTER DARKNESS--THINGS SO AWFUL FORM AS STAGGERED THE MINDS OF MEN!

QUEER, MUSTY VOLUMES--FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD---ARE GATHERED IN THE LIBRARY OF PROFESSOR JAN BRUTHO

THE BEASTS OF OUTER DARKNESS! SOMEWHERE THEY EXIST! BUT THESE BOOKS HARDLY DARE TO HINT OF THEIR DWELLING PLACE!

THE EGYPTIANS BUILT A WALL TO KEEP THEM OUT! BUT I'LL FREE THEM--- TO SERVE MY ENDS!

GOOD L—
DO NOT SPEAK THAT NAME, MORTAL! I COME IN ANSWER TO YOUR SUMMONS!
—SEND FOR YOU! I—I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!
DARKNESS WE— YOU BEHIND THE WALL THAT BARS US FROM THE WORLD WE SAW AND ENCOURAGED YOUR WORK!
THEN I ESCAPED! ALL OUR POWERS—AND THEY ARE GREATER THAN YOU DREAM—WERE NEEDED TO SEND ONE OF US BEYOND THE WALL! BUT YOU SHALL HELP THE OTHERS TO ESCAPE!
THEN—THEN YOU'RE ONE OF THE BEASTS OF OUTER DARKNESS!
NOW YOU KNOW! YOUR LIFE SHALL KEEP THE SECRET! FROM THIS MOMENT YOU ARE ONE OF US—UNTIL DEATH!
COME WITH ME! TO THE WALL OF DARKNESS!
RIDING THE HIGHEST WINDS, THE BEAST MOUNTS EVER HIGHER AND HIGHER . . . . . .
THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF DARK CLOUD THEY EMERGE INTO A STRANGE AND DIM LIGHT. EVEN THE VERY AIR IS SULLEN WITHOUT MOTION AND THE SILENCE IS THE SILENCE OF DEATH . .

HA
SLAVE OF HORUS
A MORTAL
ARE THE
CHOSEN ONE
DO
TO GREAT
QUESTS
BUT THERE IS ONE
WHO CAN DEFEAT OUR
PLAN ! HIS NAME IS
PRINCE BIK . HE
ASPECTS ME
ALREADY
HE
WILL
DIE !
GO THEN . QUICKLY !
WHEN YOU RETURN
WITH PROOF OF HIS
DEATH I WILL BEGIN
MY WORK
A
THE
BIKSTICK
IS BREAKING
THAT MEANS EVIL
IS NEAR ! MY
PRINCE !
IBIS !
YOU ARE
THE ONE !
SEEK
BIST CK
DESTROY THIS
HORROR
YOUR
MAGIC CANNOT
HURT ME !
THE
BIKSTICK FAILS
ME !

THEN YOUR MAGIC IS THE EQUAL OF MINE.
WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE A MATCH FOR ME IN THIS KIND OF FIGHTING
FOOLISH MORTAL!
HOW DARE YOU COMPARE YOUR POWER WITH MINE?
MAYBE I DID UNDERESTIMATE YOU—
BUT I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN!
ARGGGH!
QUICKLY TAR! GIVE ME THE IBISTICK! [illegible] HE'S STUNG AND CAN'T RESIST—
IBISTICK! I COMMAND ALL YOUR POWER! DESTROY THIS MONSTER IN FLAMES!

HE'S GONE!
YES BUT IT NEEDED ALL OF THE 6 STICKS POWER TO DESTROY HIM AND WE SUCCEEDED ONLY BY CATCHING HIM OFF GUARD.
I NEVER SAW ANYTHING SO HIDEOUS WHERE DID HE COME FROM, MY PRINCE?
FROM THE OUTER DARKNESS. A REGION THAT NO MORTAL EYES HAVE SEEN IN THREE THOUSAND YEARS! I SAW IT ONCE, TUA, AND I SHALL NEVER FORGET"
LONG AGO, IN EGYPT, I SERVED AS APPRENTICE TO THE VERY WISE SHA-KLOARS, PRIEST OF THE INNER TEMPLE ONE DAY I FOUND HIM READING IN A STRANGE VOLUME --
I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS BOOK BEFORE, MASTER
I HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO KNOW ITS SECRETS, BUT
BUT THE TIME HAS COME. I WILL SHOW YOU THE PLACE OF OUTER DARKNESS!
"SHA-KLOARS MAGIC WAS ABLE TO TRANSPORT US TO THE FAR-DISTANT AND UNWORLDLY PLACE OF OUTER DARKNESS. HERE STOOD A WALL."
"THIS WALL WAS BUILT BY THE MAGIC OF MEN GREATER THAN I. MY SON, IT WAS MADE TO KEEP THE BEASTS OF DARKNESS FROM EVER INVADING OUR WORLD AGAIN"
AGAIN? THEN THEY DID INVADE US?
MANY CENTURIES AGO THE BEASTS CAME! THEY WERE HIDEOUS BEYOND BELIEF, AND THEY HAD POWERS TO FREEZE THE SOUL OF ANY WHO SAW THEM! IT SEEMED THAT THEY WOULD OVERRUN THE EARTH
BUT THE ANCIENT SORCERERS OF EGYPT WERE MIGHTY, TOO! THEY DROVE BACK THE HORDES OF BEASTS! THEN THEY BUILT THIS MAGIC WALL TO KEEP THEM CLOSED IN FOREVER!

TAKE ME WITH YOU MY PRINCE
I CAN'T THE DANGER IS TOO GREAT ONLY THE BLACK WILL ACCOMPANY ME ON THIS JOURNEY
DARKNESS
ELIKA MORIN! ZAWALI OR BONO! LET THE WALLS CRUMBLE
I DO HA-HA I'LL BE THE FIRST MORTAL TO ENTER INTO THE LAND OF OUTER DARKNESS
WHAT A DEPRESSING PLACE I CAN ALMOST FEEL THE DARKNESS HERE
WHY, THESE ARE THE BONES OF HUMANS!
YOU SEE MORTAL YOU ARE NOT THE FIRST TO ENTER THIS PLACE

THE WALL WAS BUILT AT NO COST TO THE MEN WHO BUILT IT ~ WE SLEW THEM BY THE HUNDREDS AND LEFT THEIR BODIES BY THE EDGE OF THE MIDNIGHT POOL!
I HAVE BREACHED THE WALL! FOLLOW ME! I'LL LEAD YOU TO EVEN GREATER CONQUESTS!
THROW HIM INTO THE MIDNIGHT POOL!
YOU SERVED YOUR PURPOSE, MORTAL. THE WALL IS BREACHED! NOW YOU DIE
NO!
AT THIS MOMENT PRINCE BIG ARRIVES OUTSIDE THE WALL OF DARKNESS . . . .
I HEARD A CRY OF TERROR
PROFESSOR BRUTHC!
PRINCE BIG SAVE ME
TOO LATE!
AIEEEEE!
A TRAITOR AMONG ME
OF

YOU WILL FOLLOW HIM, PRINCE IBIS!
I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE!
YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH AN ORDINARY MORTAL NOW!
BASTICK! OPEN THE EARTH BETWEEN US!
BACK! QUICKLY!
YOU SPEAK TRUTH! YOU ARE NO ORDINARY MORTAL
I AM PRINCE IBIS OF EGYPT I COME FROM THAT RACE OF MEN WHO DEALT WITH YOUR LIKE BEFORE
AN EGYPTIAN? THE BEASTS HAVE FELT YOUR POWER! BUT THIS TIME YOU CANNOT DEFEAT US! I KNOW THE SECRET OF YOUR MAGIC
BRING ME THE STICK HE HOLDS!
WE OBEY!
BASTICK! CREATE A DOZEN LIKE MYSELF TO GIVE BATTLE!

NOW THE ODDS ARE EQUAL!
HE IS A DEVIL! HE HAS DEFEATED MY MEN! BUT HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRIUMPH OVER THE REST OF US!
I HAVE NO MORE NEED OF HELP! VANISH!
A VERY USEFUL TRICK, MY PRINCE! BUT YOU CANNOT FIGHT ALL MY LEGIONS! EVEN NOW THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE!
WHILE YOU FOUGHT, SOME WOULD REACH THE WALL! EVEN A FEW WHO ESCAPED WOULD OVERWHELM YOUR PUNY WORLD!
PERHAPS! BUT I CAN TRY MY BEST TO STOP THEM!
WHY CAN'T WE SETTLE THE ISSUE BETWEEN US? IN A FAIR FIGHT -- WITH DEATH TO THE LOSER! WE WILL NEED NO MAGIC!
IF I WIN, THE WALL WILL BE RESTORED! I AGREE!
FOOL! THE MIDNIGHT POOL IS BEHIND YOU!
TRICKED!
CATLIKE, PRINCE IBIS TWISTS HIS FALLING BODY SIDEWAYS.
HE MISSED THE POOL! BUT HE'S LOST HIS MAGIC STICK!

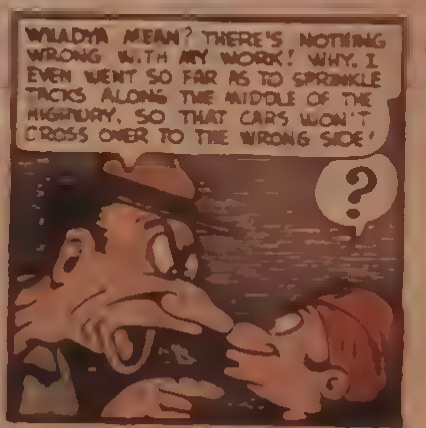
LET HIM FIND DEATH IN THE POOL.
WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WHEN THE BISTICK IS COMMANDED ACT AGAINST PRINCE IBIS, THE MAGIC POWER REACTS AGAINST THE USER.
THERE, I'VE GOT THE BISTICK AGAIN--BUT NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM NOW!
ARRGHH!
PROFESSOR BRUTHO AND THE BEAST LEADER ARE DEAD! NOTHING REMAINS EXCEPT TO RESTORE THE WALL BEFORE THE OTHER BEASTS ARRIVE!
THE IBISTICK CAN'T HELP ME NOW! BUT I REMEMBER THE ANCIENT FORMULA. ONGOURO ELAWAI! MURGH IAH'LE!
THE WALL IS RESTORED! IBISTICK! TAKE ME FROM THE LAND OF OUTER DARKNESS!
LATER...
YOU MUST REST MY PRINCE! YOU'VE BEEN WRITING FOR HOURS
I'M MAKING A RECORD, TAIA, WHICH WILL WARN FUTURE GENERATIONS! THEY WILL KNOW HOW TO PREVENT ANOTHER MADMAN FROM OPENING THE GATES TO THE OUTER DARKNESS
THERE ARE SIGHTS THAT MORTAL EYES ARE NOT MEANT TO SEE! AND IN THE LAND OF OUTER DARKNESS WAIT TERRORS THAT MANKIND NEVER DREAMED OF! LET US HOPE THEY NEVER AGAIN SURMOUNT THE WALL!

# MYSTIC MOOT

## and his Magic Snoot

AND SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I, GOVERNOR GUNK, DEDICATE MY GREAT NEW HIGHWAY SPANNING FIDGE RIDGE— THE MIGHTY PROJECT FOR WHICH I FOUGHT TOOTH AND TOENAIL!
GRAND OPENING FIDGE RIDGE HIGHWAY
RAVELING IN THE BEST CIRCLES
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIS TOENAILS. BUT THAT KIND OF FIGHTING MUST BE THE REASON HE HAS NO ORIGINAL TEETH LEFT!
CLAP CLAP
FOOEY! HE DIDN'T EVEN MENTION ME. CAPTRAP B. ROADMAP, THE ENGINEER WHO BUILT IT!

T IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE TO BE FIRST TO RIDE OVER MY GREAT CREATION!
DRIVE FAST, FENDERFAST!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, MYSTIC MOOT? HIS CREATION, HE SAYS!
DON'T FRET, MR ROADMAP! IF HE CHOOSES TO CALL IT HIS HIGHWAY, THEN HE SHOULD TAKE THE BLAME IF THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT!


WHADDYA MEAN? THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY WORK! WHY, I EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO SPRINKLE TACKS ALONG THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY, SO THAT CARS WON'T CROSS OVER TO THE WRONG SIDE!
?

NO ! PUT PLENTY OF BANGING POWDER IN THE ROAD BED SO THAT IT WOULD RISE OVER THE HILLS!
MY! MY!
COME ON! WE'LL FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR IN MY CAR, AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT A FINE JOB I DID! I EVEN LEFT STUMPS AND LOGS IN THE ROAD, SO DRIVERS WOULDN'T SPEED!
DRIVE FAST, PENDERGAST!
CLARK'S
WHAT MARVELOUS SCENERY! WHAT A PLACE I PICKED FOR A HIGHWAY! DRIVE FAST PENDERGAST!
CRASH!
WHAT IS THIS? THE HIGHWAY ENDS RIGHT AGAINST THIS CLIFF!
OH, FUDGE! I FORGOT TO BORE A TUNNEL THRU THAT MOUNTAIN!
ROADMAP, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS BONER! AND YOU CALL THIS MISERABLE GOAT-TRAIL A HIGHWAY!
BUT, GOVERNOR! THE HIGHWAY STARTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN! IT'S ONLY A CASE OF A SMALL DETOUR UP OVER THE MOUNTAIN IN AN AIRPLANE!

YOU SLIDE-RULE SHOOL! I'LL HAVE YOUR BLOCKHEAD USED FOR A CORNERSTONE ON MY NEW CAPITAL BUILDING!
OH, NO! NOT THAT!
MAGIC SHOOT, PUT A TUNNEL AND A HIGHWAY THRU THIS MOUNTAIN!
POP!
GENTLEMEN, OBVIOUSLY YOU ARE AFFLICTED WITH OPTICAL ILLUSIONS! LOOK AGAIN, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE IS A TUNNEL THRU THE MOUNTAIN!
HELP! THAT'S QUEER! I CAN'T REMEMBER ASKING IT!
WELL, FOR-- SO THERE IS!
?
A LITTLE LATER
WELL, I SURE DID A FINE JOB ON THAT. DIDN'T I?
DRIVE FAST, PENDERGAST!
HELP!
?
?
!
DULL SKULL! WHY ISN'T THERE A BRIDGE ACROSS THIS RIVER?
AW, SHUCKS! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY! I FORGOT IT! ANYHOW, THERE'S A HIGHWAY ON THE OTHER SIDE! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DRIVE 500 MILES AROUND THE RIVER!
MAGIC SHOOT, PRODUCE A FINE BRIDGE TO SPAN THIS GULCH!
LOOK AGAIN, MY FRIENDS! THERE IS A BRIDGE!
?
!

A COMPASS!
SO IT DOES NOW I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE USED A COMPASS!
THIS IS A FARCE! I HEREBY RENOUNCE ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT! IT'S ALL YOUR BABY, ROADMAP!
GOSH! WHAT'LL I DO WITH A HIGHWAY THAT RUNS IN A CIRCLE?
AH! I HAVE AN IDEA!
MAGIC SNOOT, PUT A BIG GRANDSTAND OVER THERE!
LOOK! A GRANDSTAND!
WHAT'S THAT
HOW COME?
FUNNY I NEVER NOTICED IT BEFORE!
POP!
IT'S SEAT CUSTOMERS NOW YOU CAN HAVE AUTO RACES ON THE CIRCULAR
THAT'S A SWELL IDEA! I'LL CALL IT ROADMAP'S RUSTIC RUGGED RACETRACK!
NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? I LOVE FAST DRIVING!
THIS IS FUN! AND THE CASH CUSTOMERS ARE JAMMING THE PLACE! WHO WON THE FIRST RACE, SNOOT?
EX-GOVERNOR GUNK. HE RESIGNED THE GOVERNORSHIP AND TURNED RACE DRIVER
YAY, GUNK!
GUNK WINS!
YIPPEE!

PERSEUS, SON MASTER OF ANCIENT EGYPT, AND HIS MAGIC LIKE HIS FRIENDS IN THE UNENDING BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS AND EVIL.

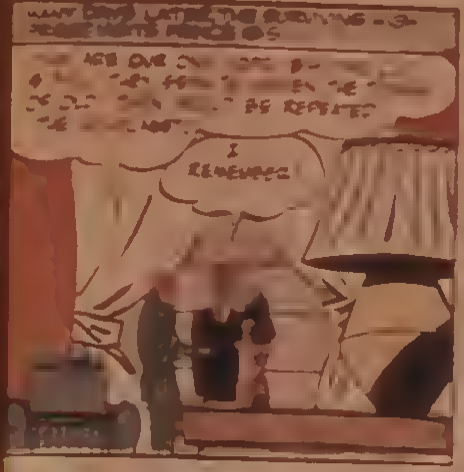
BUT THE MENACE THAT NOW BESETS THE GLORIES OF MOUNT OLYMPUS HAS BEYOND THE POWER OF EVEN ZEUS AND HIS IMMORTAL HOST OF ALL-POWERFUL ALLY WHEN HE SEEKS TO AID THE ICE TITAN REVOLT OF THE TITANS!

WHEN NIGHT FALLS A STRANGE GATHERING TAKES PLACE IN THE ANCIENT GRECIAN TEMPLE OF THE SERPENT

OUR WEAPONS ARE SMALL BUT OUR WISDOM IS GREAT! ONLY WE KNOW THE TRUE MENACE OF THE TITANS!

BUT WE ARE HELPLESS! WHAT CAN WE DO, OH HIGH PRIEST?

LONG LIVE THE TITANS
WHAT'S THAT? SOMEONE RACING OUT OF THE TEMPLE!
THE NAME OF THE SCOUNDREL
HE HAS THE SACRED STONE
IT WAS HERE ARE THE DIRECTIONS TO THE VAULT OF THE TITANS. NOW WE CAN AWAKEN THEM FROM THEIR SLEEP
NO ONE LIVES BUT I! SOMEONE MUST SHARE MY SECRET -- FOR THE BATTLE TO COME! A MAN IN ANY PROUD TO BE A PROTECTOR TO MENACE OF THE TITANS FOREVER
THE SACRED STONE IS GONE -- THEY'VE STOLEN IT!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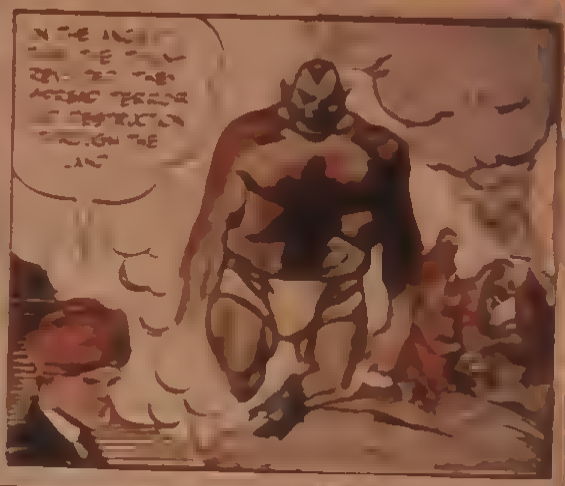
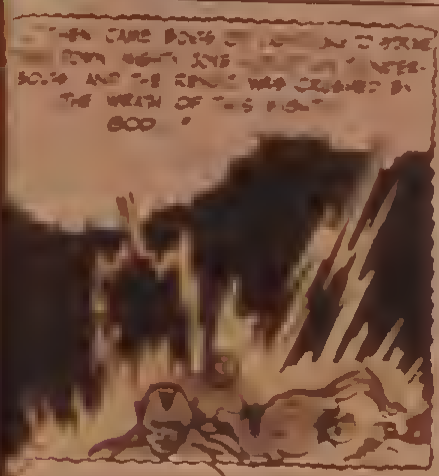
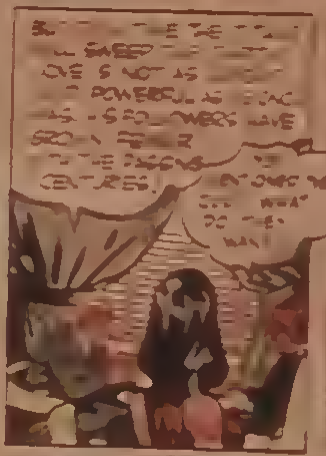
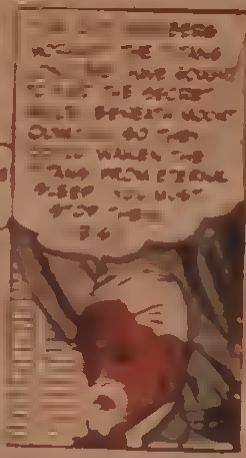






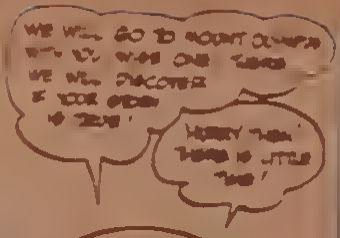


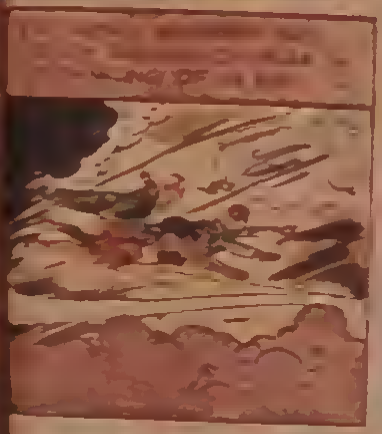
EVE... NEAR... IS A...

SLAY THEM!

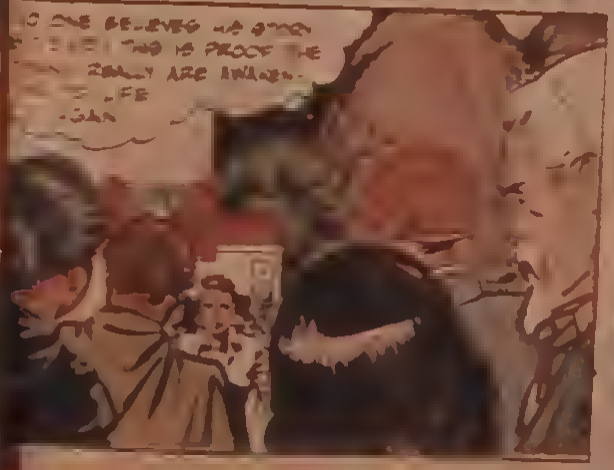
DON'T LET HIM TOUCH THE MAGIC STICK
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY MAGIC!
BUT I HAVE OTHER WEAPONS!
YAAA
FOR BLAMM-E IN FOOD.
YIPE!
FOLLOW ME! I HAVE THE SHATTOCK PRINCE BY A HELPLESS PRISONER!
WE'RE BEATEN THEY'VE STOLEN THE SHATTOCK.
O- H GREAT JOVE BLAST THE [illegible] -RACKS. COMMAND
AT THE WORDS OF THE OLD PRIEST THE HEAVENS OPEN IN A DEAFENING CLAP OF THUNDER... HURLED FROM ABOVE BY JOVE.
ALL THAT REMAINS OF THEM IS THIS LITTLE PILE OF BLACKENED DUST!
AND THE SHA[illegible] IT IS SAVED [illegible] OF GREEK [illegible]

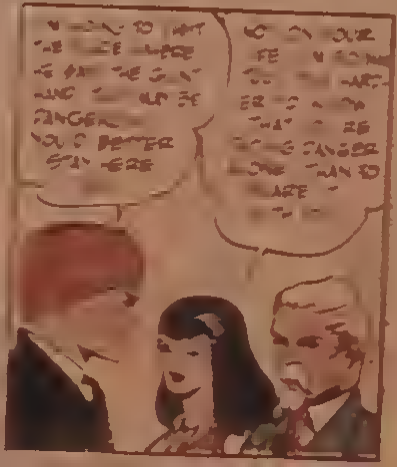
THE PRIEST HAS STRANGE POWERS, SIR! HE CALLED FOR LIGHTNING AND LOVE ANSWERED BY HURLING IT DOWN. I AM AFRAID OF HIM.
BUT HE HELPED US! SO WE SHALL HELP HIM!


WE WILL GO TO MOUNT OLYMPUS WITH YOU. THERE ONE KNOWS WE WILL DISCOVER IF YOUR GODS IS TRUE!
HURRY THEN! THERE IS LITTLE TIME!



A VILLAGE ON THE SLOPES OF THE MOUNTAIN. WHAT IS THE CROWD SO EXCITED ABOUT?
I SWEAR, I SAW IT! A HORSE THE SIZE OF A HOUSE, ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO! IT TROTTED THROUGH THE GROUNDS! I RAN FOR MY LIFE!


NO ONE BELIEVED HIS STORY, BUT THIS IS PROOF THE GODS REALLY ARE ANGRY. LIFE CAN


WE MUST GO TO THE PLACE WHERE THE SUN AND MOON RISE. THE DANGER YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE
NO! ON OUR LIFE WE WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE! WHERE EVER THERE IS DANGER THERE WE WANT TO BE

SO BEGINS THE LONG WEARY CLIMB UP MT. OLYMPUS--
WE'LL REST SOON IT CAN'T BE FAR
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WE'VE BEEN CLIMBING FOR HOURS
THE OLD MAN WHERE DOES IT END? THE STRANGEST FEELING ABOUT HIM I'M UNDER -- HE WON'T RETURN
HE'S JUST ANXIOUS TO GET THERE! GO
THEN IT IS! THE HANDPRINT OF THE TITAN!
HE'S RIGHT. THAT HOLE LOOKS AS IF IT WAS MADE BY A GREAT PAW. THE MARKS LEADING FROM IT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY HUGE FINGERS.
I'M GOING DOWN IF I DON'T RETURN SOON LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE
BE ON GUARD
THESE ROCKS -- SMEARED WITH BLOOD! IT'S FANTASTIC! BUT IT COULD BE -- SCRAPED FROM A TITAN'S KNUCKLES!
GOOD LORD! A GIGANTIC UNDERGROUND CAVERN -- OR A BURIAL VAULT! AND THERE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE EVIL CULT!
THE RITE IS FINISHED! EIGHTY ONE MEN!

INCREDIBLE! THE GROUND IS [illegible] SOMEONE -- OR SOMETHING HEARS THE [illegible] AS I MUST HAVE WHEN HE [illegible] THE [illegible] ABOUT.
THE [illegible] OF SLEEP IS END[illegible] THE FIRST MAN I SEE FROM THE DARK.
I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH!
YOUR SLEEP [illegible] DEGENERATE!
PRINCE IBIS!
DESTROY HIM!
YOU'LL FIND THIS TO BE A LARGE ORDER.
BOOM
BETTER MEN THAN YOU HAVE FAILED BUT I'VE NO TIME TO WASTE WITH CARRION!
SMACK
IBBICK! CONSIGN THESE WORTHLESS SPAWN OF EVIL TO THE FLAMES OF PURGATORY! -- THEIR NATURAL DWELLING PLACE!
TOO LATE- THE TITAN! HE'S ALIVE!

IBIS.
AHRRR!

THE TITAN WILL KILL THE HIGH PRIEST! WE'RE LOST!
AHHHHHH!
SMACK
IBSTICK! REDUCE THE TITAN TO NORMAL HUMAN SIZE!
THAT'S BETTER! NOW WE CAN BATTLE ON EVEN TERMS!
FOOLISH MORTAL
I AM SMALL! BUT MY STRENGTH IS THE SAME!
OOF!
BAM
NO MAN IS A MATCH FOR ME!
PERHAPS NOT!
BUT I'M NOT AN ORDINARY MAN.
WHAM
HE FELL AGAINST THE STONE OF THE CAVE WALL AND FRACTURED HIS SKULL!
IBIS! COME QUICKLY!

THE OLD PRIEST IS DYING!
NO ONE.. MUST EVER FIND THIS PLACE AGAIN! DESTROY THE SACRED STONE! SEAL UP.. THE CAVERN!
I HAVE BEEN..FAITHFUL! JOVE WILL NOT FORGET THE LAST OF HIS FOLLOWERS! GO NOW BEFORE HE COMES FOR ME!
AS SOON AS I HAVE CARRIED OUT YOUR ORDERS AND SMASHED THIS CRYPTIC STONE.
LATER, AS FRANCIE BIG AND TARA LEAVE THE CAVE-
THE LIGHTNING, FRANCIE AND I NEVER SAW IT FLASH SO BRIGHTLY!
IT GOES DOWN INTO THE MOUNTAIN! THE OLD PRIEST WAS RIGHT! JOVE DID NOT FORGET HIM!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, JOVE WAS THE GOD OF LIGHTNING! HOW ELSE SHOULD HE APPEAR TO US THEN?— IT IS TIME OUR PROMISE WAS KEPT.
BUT OK! SEAL UP THE CAVERN..LET NO TRACE OF THE TITANS' VAULT REMAIN FOR MORTAL EYES!
THE MAGIC POWER OF THE SACRED CANOPY HE TURNED TO VANISH INTO THE FEATURELESS MOUNTAIN SLOPE.
I HATE TO THINK OF THE OLD PRIEST BURIED DOWN THERE!
DON'T BE SURE THAT HE IS! THE LIGHTNING CAME FOR HIM! AFTER ALL, HE WAS THE LAST BELIEVER IN THE GOD JOVE!
PERHAPS HE IS SITTING NOW AT SOME CELESTIAL BANQUET TABLE! DINING ON AMBROSIA WITH JOVE— AS BEFITS A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!
FOLLOW THE MYSTIC ADVENTURES OF BIG AND TARA EVERY ISSUE IN WHIZ COMICS.